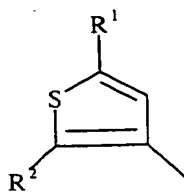
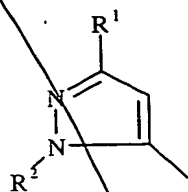
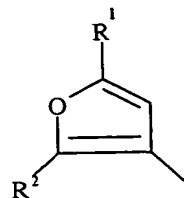


wherein A is a heteroaryl selected from the group consisting of



and



wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of C₃-C₁₀ alkyl, C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl and up to per-halosubstituted C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl;

B is a substituted or unsubstituted, up to tricyclic, aryl or heteroaryl moiety of up to 30 carbon atoms with at least one 5- or 6-member aromatic structure containing 0-4 members of the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, wherein if B is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, up to per-halosubstitution, and X_n,

wherein n is 0-3 and each X is independently selected from the group consisting of -CN, -CO₂R^S, -C(O)NR^SR^S, -C(O)R^S, -NO₂, -OR^S, -SR^S, -NR^SR^S, -NR^SC(O)OR^S, -NR^SC(O)R^S, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₂-C₁₀ alkenyl, C₁-C₁₀ alkoxy, C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₁₄ aryl, C₇-C₂₄ alkaryl, C₃-C₁₃ heteroaryl, C₄-C₂₃ alkheteroaryl, substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, substituted C₂-C₁₀ alkenyl, substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkoxy, substituted C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl, substituted C₄-C₂₃ alkheteroaryl and -Y-Ar;

where X is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of -CN, -CO₂R^S, -C(O)R^S, -C(O)NR^SR^S, -OR^S, -SR^S, -NR^SR^S, -NO₂, -NR^SC(O)R^S, -NR^SC(O)OR^S and halogen up to per-halosubstitution;

wherein R^S and R^S are independently selected from H, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₂-C₁₀ alkenyl, C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₁₄ aryl, C₃-C₁₃ heteroaryl, C₇-C₂₄ alkaryl, C₄-C₂₃ alkheteroaryl, up to per-halosubstituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C₂-C₁₀ alkenyl, up to per-halosubstituted C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C₆-C₁₄ aryl and up to per-halosubstituted C₃-C₁₃ heteroaryl,

wherein Y is -O-, -S-, -N(R^S)-, -(CH₂)_m-, -C(O)-, -CH(OH)-, -(CH₂)_mO-,

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-NR⁵C(O)NR⁵R^{5'}-, -NR⁵C(O)-, -C(O)NR⁵-, -O(CH₂)_m-, -(CH₂)_mS-, -(CH₂)_mN(R⁵)-,
-O(CH₂)_m-, -CHX^a-, -CX^a₂-, -S-(CH₂)_m- and -N(R⁵)(CH₂)_m-,

m = 1-3, and X^a is halogen; and

Ar is a 5-10 member aromatic structure containing 0-2 members of the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur which is unsubstituted or substituted by halogen up to per-halosubstitution and optionally substituted by Z_{n1}, wherein n1 is 0 to 3 and each Z is independently selected from the group consisting of -CN,

-CO₂R⁵, -C(O)NR⁵R^{5'}-, -C(O)NR⁵-, -NO₂-, -OR⁵-, -SR⁵-, -NR⁵R^{5'}-, -NR⁵C(O)OR^{5'}-,
-C(O)R⁵-, NR⁵C(O)R^{5'}-, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₁₄ aryl, C₃-C₁₃ heteroaryl, C₇-C₂₄ alkaryl, C₄-C₂₃ alkheteroaryl, substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, substituted C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl, substituted C₇-C₂₄ alkaryl and substituted C₄-C₂₃ alkheteroaryl;

wherein if Z is a substituted group, it is substituted by the one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of -CN, -CO₂R⁵,

-C(O)NR⁵R^{5'}-, -OR⁵-, -SR⁵-, -NO₂-, -NR⁵R^{5'}-, -NR⁵C(O)R^{5'} and -NR⁵C(O)OR^{5'}-, and

wherein R² is C₆-C₁₄ aryl, C₃-C₁₄ heteroaryl, substituted C₆-C₁₄ aryl or substituted C₃-C₁₄ heteroaryl,

wherein if R² is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, up to per-halosubstitution, and V_n,

wherein n = 0-3 and each V is independently selected from the group consisting of -CN, -CO₂R⁵, -C(O)NR⁵R^{5'}-, -OR⁵-, -SR⁵-, -NR⁵R^{5'}-, -C(O)R⁵-,

-OC(O)NR⁵R^{5'}-, -NR⁵C(O)OR^{5'}-, -SO₂R⁵-, -SOR⁵-, -NR⁵C(O)R^{5'}-, -NO₂-, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₁₄ aryl, C₃-C₁₃ heteroaryl, C₇-C₂₄ alkaryl, C₄-C₂₄ alkheteroaryl, substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, substituted C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl, substituted C₆-C₁₄ aryl, substituted C₃-C₁₃ heteroaryl, substituted C₇-C₂₄ alkaryl and substituted C₄-C₂₄ alkheteroaryl,

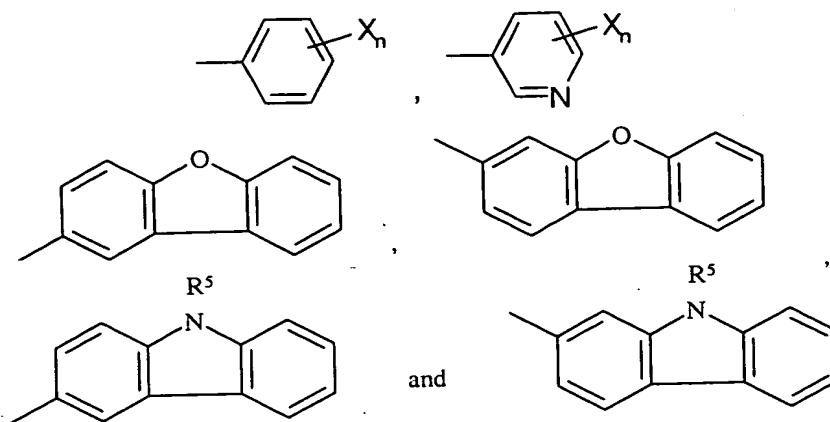
where if V is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, up to per-halosubstitution, -CN,

-CO₂R⁵-, -C(O)R⁵-, -C(O)NR⁵R^{5'}-, -NR⁵R^{5'}-, -OR⁵-, -SR⁵-,
-NR⁵C(O)R^{5'}-, -NR⁵C(O)OR^{5'} and -NO₂;

wherein R⁵ and R^{5'} are each independently as defined above.

3. Amended) A compound of claim 2, wherein B is up to a tricyclic aromatic ring

B 2 structure ring structure selected from the group consisting of



which is unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, up to per-halosubstitution, and wherein

$n = 0-3$ and

each X is independently selected from the group consisting of $-\text{CN}$, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^5$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^5\text{R}^5$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^5$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{OR}^5$, $-\text{SR}^5$, $-\text{NR}^5\text{R}^5$, $-\text{NR}^5\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OR}^5$, $-\text{NR}^5\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^5$, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10}$ alkyl, C_{2-10} -alkenyl, C_{1-10} -alkoxy, $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{10}$ cycloalkyl, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{14}$ aryl, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{24}$ alkaryl, $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{13}$ heteroaryl, $\text{C}_4\text{-C}_{23}$ alkheteroaryl, and substituted $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10}$ alkyl, substituted C_{2-10} -alkenyl, substituted C_{1-10} -alkoxy, substituted $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{10}$ cycloalkyl, substituted $\text{C}_4\text{-C}_{23}$ alkheteroaryl and $-\text{Y-Ar}$;

wherein if X is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of $-\text{CN}$, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^5$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^5$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^5\text{R}^5$, $-\text{OR}^5$, $-\text{SR}^5$, $-\text{NR}^5\text{R}^5$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{NR}^5\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^5$, $-\text{NR}^5\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OR}^5$ and halogen up to per-halosubstitution;

wherein R^5 and R^5 are independently selected from H, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10}$ alkyl, C_{2-10} -alkenyl, $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{10}$ cycloalkyl, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{14}$ aryl, $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{13}$ heteroaryl, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{24}$ alkaryl, $\text{C}_4\text{-C}_{23}$ alkheteroaryl, up to per-halosubstituted $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10}$ alkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C_{2-10} -alkenyl, up to per-halosubstituted $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{10}$ cycloalkyl, up to per-halosubstituted $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{14}$ aryl and up to per-halosubstituted $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{13}$ heteroaryl,

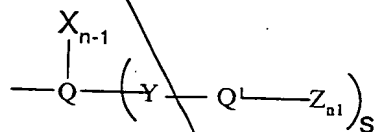
wherein Y is $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^5)-$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_m-$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{CH}(\text{OH})-$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{O}-$, $-\text{NR}^5\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^5\text{R}^5-$, $-\text{NR}^5\text{C}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^5-$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{S}-$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{N}(\text{R}^5)-$, $-\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_m-$, $-\text{CHX}^a-$, $-\text{CX}_2^a-$, $-\text{S}-(\text{CH}_2)_m-$ and $-\text{N}(\text{R}^5)(\text{CH}_2)_m-$,

$m = 1-3$, and X^a is halogen; and

B²

Ar is a 5-10 member aromatic structure containing 0-2 members of the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur which is unsubstituted or substituted by halogen up to per-halo substitution and optionally substituted by Z_{n1}, wherein n1 is 0 to 3 and each Z is independently selected from the group consisting of -CN, -CO₂R^s, -C(O)NR^sR^s, -C(O)R^s, -NO₂, -OR^s, -SR^s, -NR^sR^s, -NR^sC(O)OR^s, -NR^sC(O)R^s, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₁₄ aryl, C₃-C₁₃ heteroaryl, C₇-C₂₄ alkaryl, C₄-C₂₃ alkheteroaryl, substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, substituted C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl, substituted C₇-C₂₄ alkaryl and substituted C₄-C₂₃ alkheteroaryl; wherein if Z is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of -CN, -CO₂R^s, -C(O)NR^sR^s, -OR^s, -SR^s, -NO₂, -NR^sR^s, -NR^sC(O)R^s and -NR^sC(O)OR^s.

4. (Amended) A compound of claim 1, wherein B is



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wherein

Y is selected from the group consisting of -O-, -S-, -CH₂-, -SCH₂-, -CH₂S-, -CH(OH)-, -C(O)-, -CX^a, -CX^aH-, -CH₂O- and -OCH₂-,

X^a is halogen,

Q is a six member aromatic structure containing 0-2 nitrogen, unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, up to per-halosubstitution;

Q¹ is a mono- or bicyclic aromatic structure of 3 to 10 carbon atoms and 0-4 members of the group consisting of N, O and S, unsubstituted or substituted by halogen up to per-halosubstitution,

X, Z, n and n1 are as defined in claim 1, and s = 0 or 1.

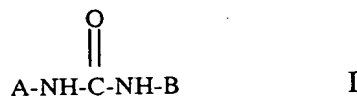
5. (Amended) A compound of claim 4, wherein

Q is phenyl or pyridinyl, unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, up to per-halosubstitution,

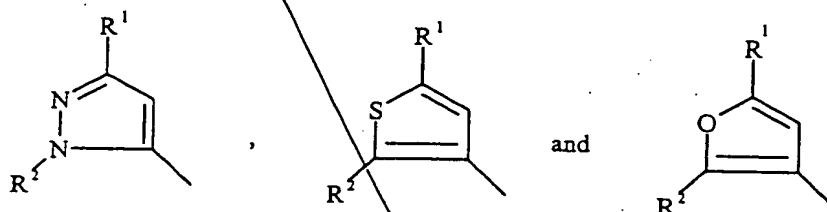
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Q¹ is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, pyridinyl, naphthyl, pyrimidinyl, quinoline, isoquinoline, imidazole and benzothiazolyl, unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, up to per-halo substitution, or Y-Q¹ is phthalimidinyl unsubstituted or substituted by halogen up to per-halo substitution, and

Z and X are independently selected from the group consisting of -R⁶, -OR⁶ and -NHR⁷, wherein R⁶ is hydrogen, C₁-C₁₀-alkyl or C₃-C₁₀-cycloalkyl and R⁷ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₃-C₁₀-alkyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl and C₆-C₁₀-aryl, wherein R⁶ and R⁷ can be substituted by halogen up to per-halosubstitution.

15. (Amended) A method for the treatment of disease mediated by raf kinase, comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



wherein A is a heteroaryl selected from the group consisting of



wherein R^1 is selected from the group consisting of C_3 - C_{10} alkyl, C_3 - C_{10} cycloalkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C_1 - C_{10} alkyl and up to per-halosubstituted C_3 - C_{10} cycloalkyl;

B is a substituted or unsubstituted, up to tricyclic, aryl or heteroaryl moiety of up to 30 carbon atoms with at least one 5- or 6-member aromatic structure containing 0-4 members of the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, wherein if B is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, up to per-halosubstitution, and X_n ,

wherein n is 0-3 and each X is independently selected from the group consisting of $-\text{CN}$, CO_2R^5 , $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^5\text{R}^5$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^5$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{OR}^5$, $-\text{SR}^5$, $-\text{NR}^5\text{R}^5$, $-\text{NR}^5\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OR}^5$, $-\text{NR}^5\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^5$, C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, C_{2-10} -alkenyl, C_{1-10} -alkoxy, C_3 - C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{14} aryl, C_7 - C_{24} alkaryl, C_3 - C_{13} heteroaryl, C_4 - C_{23} alkheteroaryl, substituted C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_{2-10} -alkenyl, substituted C_{1-10} -alkoxy, substituted C_3 - C_{10} cycloalkyl, substituted C_4 - C_{23} alkheteroaryl and $-\text{Y}-\text{Ar}$;

where X is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of $-\text{CN}$, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^5$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^5$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^5\text{R}^5$, $-\text{OR}^5$, $-\text{SR}^5$, $-\text{NR}^5\text{R}^5$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{NR}^5\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^5$, $-\text{NR}^5\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OR}^5$ and halogen up to per-halosubstitution;

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wherein R^5 and R^5 are independently selected from H, C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, C_{2-10} -alkenyl, C_3 - C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{14} aryl, C_3 - C_{13} heteroaryl, C_7 - C_{24} alkaryl, C_4 - C_{23} alkheteroaryl, up to per-halosubstituted C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C_{2-10} -alkenyl, up to per-halosubstituted C_3 - C_{10} cycloalkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C_6 - C_{14} aryl and up to per-halosubstituted C_3 - C_{13} heteroaryl, wherein Y is -O-, -S-, -N(R^5)-, $-(CH_2)_m$ -, -C(O)-, -CH(OH)-, $-(CH_2)_mO$ -, $-(CH_2)_mS$ -, $-(CH_2)_mN(R^5)$ -, $-O(CH_2)_m$ -, $-CHX^a$ -, $-CX^a_2$ -, $-S-(CH_2)_m$ - and $-N(R^5)(CH_2)_m$ -,

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 $m = 1-3$, and X^a is halogen; and

Ar is a 5- or 6-member aromatic structure containing 0-2 members of the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur which is unsubstituted or substituted by halogen up to per-halosubstitution and optionally substituted by Z_{n1} , wherein $n1$ is 0 to 3 and each Z is independently selected from the group consisting of -CN, -C(O) R^5 , -CO $_2R^5$, -C(O)NR $^5R^5$, -C(O)NR 5 , -NO $_2$, -OR 5 , -SR 5 , -NR $^5R^5$, -NR $^5C(O)OR^5$, -NR $^5C(O)R^5$, C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, C_3 - C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{14} aryl, C_3 - C_{13} heteroaryl, C_7 - C_{24} alkaryl, C_4 - C_{23} alkheteroaryl, substituted C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_3 - C_{10} cycloalkyl, substituted C_7 - C_{24} alkaryl and substituted C_4 - C_{23} alkheteroaryl;

wherein if Z is a substituted group, it is substituted by the one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of -CN, -CO $_2R^5$, -C(O)NR $^5R^5$, -OR 5 , -SR 5 , -NO $_2$, -NR $^5R^5$, -NR $^5C(O)R^5$ and -NR $^5C(O)OR^5$, and

wherein R^2 is C_6 - C_{14} aryl, C_3 - C_{14} heteroaryl, substituted C_6 - C_{14} aryl or substituted C_3 - C_{14} heteroaryl,

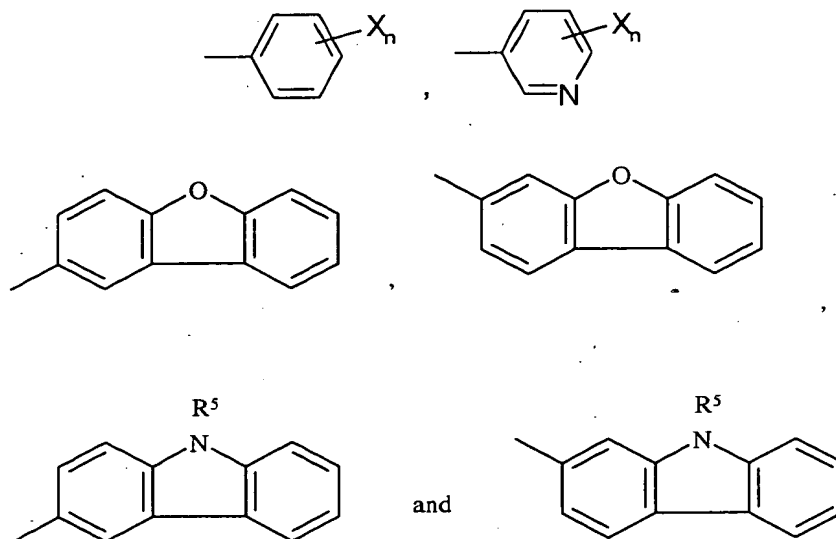
wherein if R^2 is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, up to per-halosubstitution, and V_n ,

wherein $n = 0-3$ and each V is independently selected from the group consisting of -CN, -CO $_2R^5$, -C(O)NR $^5R^5$, -OR 5 , -SR 5 , -NR $^5R^5$, -OC(O)NR $^5R^5$, -NR $^5C(O)OR^5$, -NR $^5C(O)R^5$, -SO $_2R^5$, -SOR 5 , -NR $^5C(O)R^5$, -NO $_2$, C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, C_3 - C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{14} aryl, C_3 - C_{13} heteroaryl, C_7 - C_{24} alkaryl, C_4 - C_{24} alkheteroaryl, substituted C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_3 - C_{10} cycloalkyl, substituted C_6 - C_{14} aryl, substituted C_3 - C_{13} heteroaryl, substituted C_7 - C_{24} alkaryl and substituted C_4 - C_{24} alkheteroaryl,

B³ where V is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, up to per-halosubstitution, -CN, -CO₂R⁵, -C(O)R⁵, -C(O)NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵R⁵, -OR⁵, -SR⁵, -NR⁵C(O)R⁵, -NR⁵C(O)OR⁵ and -NO₂,

wherein R⁵ and R⁵ are each independently as defined above.

B⁴ 17. (Amended) A method as in claim 15, wherein B is up to a tricyclic aromatic ring structure selected from the group consisting of



which is unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, up to per-halosubstitution, and wherein

$n = 0-3$ and

each X is independently selected from the group consisting of -CN, -CO₂R⁵, -C(O)NR⁵R⁵, -C(O)R⁵, -NO₂, -OR⁵, -SR⁵, -NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵C(O)OR⁵, -NR⁵C(O)R⁵, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₂₋₁₀-alkenyl, C₁₋₁₀-alkoxy, C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₁₄ aryl, C₇-C₂₄ alkaryl, C₃-C₁₃ heteroaryl, C₄-C₂₃ alkheteroaryl, and substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, substituted C₂₋₁₀-alkenyl, substituted C₁₋₁₀-alkoxy, substituted C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl, substituted C₄-C₂₃ alkheteroaryl and -Y-Ar;

wherein if X is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of -CN, -CO₂R⁵,

-C(O)R⁵, -C(O)NR⁵R^{5'}, -OR⁵, -SR⁵, -NR⁵R^{5'}, -NO₂, -NR⁵C(O)R^{5'}, -NR⁵C(O)OR^{5'} and halogen up to per-halosubstitution;

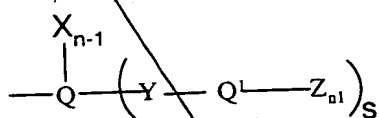
wherein R⁵ and R^{5'} are independently selected from H, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₂₋₁₀-alkenyl, C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₁₄ aryl, C₃-C₁₃ heteroaryl, C₇-C₂₄ alkaryl, C₄-C₂₃ alkheteroaryl, up to per-halosubstituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C₂₋₁₀-alkenyl, up to per-halosubstituted C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C₆-C₁₄ aryl and up to per-halosubstituted C₃-C₁₃ heteroaryl,

wherein Y is -O-, -S-, -N(R⁵)-, -(CH₂)_m-, -C(O)-, -CH(OH)-, -(CH₂)_mO-, -NR⁵C(O)NR⁵R^{5'}-, -NR⁵C(O)-, -C(O)NR⁵-, -(CH₂)_mS-, -(CH₂)_mN(R⁵)-, -O(CH₂)_m-, -CHX^a-, -CX^a₂-, -S-(CH₂)_m- and -N(R⁵)(CH₂)_m-,

m = 1-3, and X^a is halogen; and

Ar is a 5-10 member aromatic structure containing 0-2 members of the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur which is unsubstituted or substituted by halogen up to per-halosubstitution and optionally substituted by Z_{nl}, wherein nl is 0 to 3 and each Z is independently selected from the group consisting of -CN, -C(O)R⁵, -CO₂R⁵, -C(O)NR⁵R^{5'}, -C(O)R⁵-, -NO₂, -OR⁵, -SR⁵, -NR⁵R^{5'}, -NR⁵C(O)OR^{5'}, -NR⁵C(O)R⁵, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₁₄ aryl, C₃-C₁₃ heteroaryl, C₇-C₂₄ alkaryl, C₄-C₂₃ alkheteroaryl, substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, substituted C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl, substituted C₇-C₂₄ alkaryl and substituted C₄-C₂₃ alkheteroaryl; wherein if Z is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of -CN, -CO₂R⁵, -C(O)NR⁵R^{5'}, -OR⁵, -SR⁵, -NO₂, -NR⁵R^{5'}, -NR⁵C(O)R⁵ and -NR⁵C(O)OR^{5'}.

18. (Amended) A method of claim 15, wherein B is



wherein

Y is selected from the group consisting of -O-, -S-, -CH₂-, -SCH₂-, -CH₂S-, -CH(OH)-, -C(O)-, -CX^a₂-, -CX^aH-, -CH₂O- and -OCH₂-,

X^a is halogen,

Q is a six member aromatic structure containing 0-2 nitrogen, unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, up to per-halosubstitution;

Q¹ is a mono- or bicyclic aromatic structure of 3 to 10 carbon atoms and 0-4 members of the group consisting of N, O and S, unsubstituted or substituted by halogen up to per-halosubstitution,

X, Z, n and n1 are as defined in claim 15, and s = 0 or 1.

19. (Amended) A method as in claim 18, wherein

Q is phenyl or pyridinyl, unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, up to per-halosubstitution,

Q¹ is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, pyridinyl, naphthyl, pyrimidinyl, quinoline, isoquinoline, imidazole and benzothiazolyl, substituted or unsubstituted by halogen, up to per-halo substitution, or Y-Q¹ is phthalimidinyl substituted or unsubstituted by halogen up to per-halo substitution, and

Z and X are independently selected from the group consisting of -R⁶, -OR⁶ and -NHR⁷, wherein R⁶ is hydrogen, C₁-C₁₀-alkyl or C₃-C₁₀-cycloalkyl and R⁷ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₃-C₁₀-alkyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl and C₆-C₁₀-aryl, wherein R⁶ and R⁷ can be substituted by halogen up to per-halosubstitution.

24. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

25. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of claim 2 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.